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WILLENBRAND FACTOR-CLEAVING PROTEASE

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

## Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 5, 2011, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The period for response, without extension, expires on April 5, 2011. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.